U. H. J. Militia Law which tho' it was evidently in force as any Law in the

Liber No. 34 Country Yet a Majority of your House were deluded into a Belief that it did not exist, but was expired many Years since, merely to have a Pretence to abuse a lawful Act of the Governmt And the other about fines and forfeitures in hopes of Provoking me to resent such treatments as it really deserved & thereby to obstruct all Publick Business but when this Scheme failed of Success the Gentlemen pulled of the Mask and Acted in Characters manifesting by their Conduct that they dreaded nothing more than that the minds of the People should be quieted and all pretence of uneasiness removed, as being Conscious to themselves that they would soon appear in their proper Colours & lose that influence over the People which has actually Cost the Country above ten thousand Pounds of this Currency and to the Continuance of which pernicious Influence every desirable thing for the Peoples happiness was to be sacrificed, this appeared so evidently that Your House appointed another Conference and chose new Conferees who with those of the Upper House soon setled every thing to the mutual Satisfaction of every Body wherein so many and great Concessions were made by the Upper House as exceeded the hopes of the most sanguine among You the uneasiness which these Proceedings Occasioned in the Gentlemen who opposed them was too manifest to be Concealed they then made use of all the Artifices and false suggestions to defeat every step that could be taken to Establish a happy Union between the Governmt and People and shewed the firmest Resolution and most unweared Application to sacrifice the Repose happiness and Interest of their Constituents to the Pride and Wicked Ambition of being Leaders of a Party I cannot omit mentioning to You Abuse of Power which you exercised in a most Extraordinary manner which was such in turning out Members of your House who were duly returned upon pretence of an undue Election but against whom no Petition was offered. And in another Instance You proceeded Contrary to the Practice & Determination of your own House in the like Case and in the face of an Express Act of Assembly these Proceedings would have laid me under the necessity of immediately putting an end to a p. 100 Power so unwarrantably exercised if the supplies for Louisburgh Garrison and other supplies for the quiet and happiness of the Province had not these been under Your Consideration I cannot avoid another Observation that you have refused the Yeas and Nays to be taken on several Questions contrary to a standing Rule of your house and you have against all Parliamentary Proceedings hindred Motions & Ouestions to be entred on your Journal which could proceed from no other Motive than a Conviction that your Proceedings were such as you were unwilling to submit to the Censure of your

> Constituents not content with these Extraordinary Steps you have been pleased to assume and Usurp an Arbitrary Power over his Majestys Subjects in sending for Magistrates keeping them in Cus-